

Stone Hill Church 40 Day Prayer Guide

In the 40 days prior to Easter, it is common in the global church to focus on confession in preparation for the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday.

Modeling this prayer guide after this tradition, we will focus on confessing how we may not be fully living out our commitments as followers of Jesus Christ—to **know God, love others, and engage the world.**



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Know God

- Cultivate a deeper understanding of God and what He has done for you.
- Allow the text of the **Sunday morning worship experience** and **Sunday school** to affect you and apply it to your life by discussing it with others.

Love Others

- We were not created to live for Christ in isolation. Living together in community is crucial to living out the gospel. It is hard to love others if there are no others in your life.
- **Small groups** are the main way to experience and benefit from community. Make community in small groups a priority as you live out the gospel.

Engage the World

- God has given us gospel responsibilities for our friends, communities, and the world. As we live out the gospel in action, we need to be ready to share the gospel in words as God gives opportunity.
- Pray for opportunities to share the gospel with those in your life who are outside the faith.
- **Partner with Stone Hill Global Partners** through prayer as they impact the world with the gospel.

Day 1 (Know God) - [Deuteronomy 7:9-11](#)

Reflection: Why is it important to know that God is faithful both in His covenant love and in His justice? Where in your life do you want God to remind you of His faithfulness to you today? What specific ways can you ask God for His forgiveness for breaking His law? Remember God's mercy in Jesus as you confess your sins.

Prayer: Loving God, from the very beginning, You wanted Your people to know You as God. I confess that I elevate many things in my life above You and deserve punishment for my sins. Thank you, Jesus, for not holding my sins against me. Please give me more of Your Spirit that I may love Your commands more than I love getting my own way? In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 2 (Love Others) - [Ephesians 4:1-2](#)

Reflection: Because God has been so patient with us in our wandering from Him, we must demonstrate patience with others in the body of Christ. Do you need to be reminded of how patient God is with you? Are your expectations of other believers filled with grace and hope? Are you particularly exhibiting patience for new and younger believers?

Prayer: Lord, I acknowledge Your great patience that You showed me through Christ. I confess that too frequently I have been impatient and demanding of my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank You for being patient with me when I have been impatient with You and others. By Your Spirit, give me a supernatural patience to faithfully love my brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

Day 3 (Engage the World) - [John 6:44](#)

Reflection: Clearly, God is the One who brings salvation to lost people. As we attempt to share the gospel in actions and words, we must pray that God brings people to Himself. One way to tangibly apply this verse is to identify 3-5 people in our lives who are outside the faith, followed by a commitment to pray every day for God to open their hearts to the gospel.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, I acknowledge that only You can bring people to Yourself. Thank You that You brought me to faith in Christ and that You can bring anyone to Yourself. Lord, I confess that I have not faithfully asked You to be involved in the life of my friends and co-workers. As I pray for these five friends, co-workers, neighbors, and classmates, may you draw them to Yourself. Amen.

Day 4 (Know God) - [John 17:3](#)

Reflection: God desires to give us a share in His eternal life. What does this mean about God who wants to share His life with you? This passage makes clear that to know God is to know Jesus. Spend time praising God for what you know of Him through Jesus.

Prayer: Dear God, You desire for me to know You. Thank You for showing me who You are in Jesus. I confess I take knowing You and Your work in sending Jesus to die in my place for granted in my life. Help me to take time today to recognize Your goodness to me throughout the day. Amen.

Day 5 (Love Others) - [Galatians 5:13](#)

Reflection: Being in community means we use our spiritual gifts to benefit our brothers and sisters in Christ. We learn to live out the gospel when we give our time, energy, and tangible service to one another. Do you have a place of ministry in the body of Christ? If not, the Stone Hill staff can help you find a niche to serve at Stone Hill Church. How are you looking to meet the needs of others?

Prayer: Loving God, I believe that Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to serve and not be served. I believe that You have given me spiritual gifts to serve the body of Christ. I confess that I have not always been “others oriented”. Thank You that You empower me to serve others for Your glory. Give me a real sense of how You want me to serve others in the body of Christ. Empower me to be a vital part of what You are doing through our community of faith. Amen.

Day 6 (Engage the World) - [John 16:8-11](#)

Reflection: Because of the brokenness of humanity, no one can see their sin or the Savior clearly. The Spirit of God helps people see their sin and need of a Savior. The Spirit’s convicting work is foundational to bring someone to faith in Christ alone.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, I understand that it was the Holy Spirit who convicted me of my sin and need of Jesus. Thank You that You initiate a relationship with me through the work of the Holy Spirit. Lord, forgive me for not asking the Holy Spirit to work in the life of my friends. Dear Jesus, bring the full power of the Holy Spirit to work in providing conviction of sin, righteousness, and judgment for those whom I love. In Your name, amen.

Day 7 (Know God) - [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)

Reflection: What aspects of your life are difficult to entrust to God at this present moment? Take a few moments and acknowledge them to Him now, asking for grace to accept and do His will. What are ways you practice departing from evil in your daily life? Where would you like the Holy Spirit to help you more? What is one thing you can commit to practice today and reflect on prayerfully?

Prayer: Father, in Your Holy Word, You have shown me the way to be wise. Thank You for showing me how to pattern my life in Jesus. I confess that I too easily fall into evil practices by being wise in my own eyes. Would You give me the wisdom of Jesus throughout this day that my life would bless others and I would have deep and abiding peace? Amen.

Day 8 (Love Others) - [1 Corinthians 12:25-26](#)

Reflection: Because every member of Christ's body is indispensable to the entire community, we have a responsibility to care for the other members. This means we rejoice together when one member receives blessings, and we weep when other members have difficulties. Who do you need to rejoice with? Who do you need to weep with?

Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank You for putting me into a body of believers where each person is indispensable and valuable for my community. Forgive me, Lord, for not providing care of other members of the body. Thank You for giving me the loving support of other believers who care for me in good and bad times. Help me, by Your Spirit and for Your glory, to provide care for each person in my fellowship. In Your name, Amen.

Day 9 (Engage the World) - [2 Corinthians 4:4-6](#)

Reflection: All humans are born with inherent blindness to the light of the gospel. Only God can penetrate this blindness. For those who believe in Christ, we rejoice in God's work of helping us see and experience the gospel through faith.

Prayer: Dear Father, I know that I was once unable to see the beauty of Your gospel. Thank You for opening my eyes to the truth and power of Your gospel and bringing me to Yourself. Forgive me for not faithfully praying for those I love, that they may experience the freedom of Your gospel. Lord, please shine the light of the gospel into the lives of my friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Amen.

Day 10 (Know God) - [Matthew 16:15-17](#)

Reflection: What are some popular depictions of Jesus that are unbiblical? Why is it good news that Jesus is Messiah? It is God's work to recognize that Jesus is God's Chosen One Who saves the world. Spend time thanking God for giving you the same knowledge as the original disciples.

Prayer: Father, I needed You to show me who Jesus really is. Thank You that all who follow You share in the same knowledge as the disciples. I confess that too often I make Him into a Savior I want rather than accepting Him as the Savior He is and the One we need. Would You help me to live out my identity as a Christ follower throughout this day that all I meet might also come to confess Jesus' name? Amen.

Day 11 (Love Others) - [Ephesians 4:29](#)

Reflection: Verbal affirmation and encouragement is needed by all of us. The body of Christ should be filled with words of encouragement and grace to one another. This needs intentional thought and follow through. Who needs a gracious word of encouragement from you today?

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, thank You for the encouragement that You give me in Your Word concerning my new identity in Christ. Lord, I confess that I fail to intentionally offer words of affirmation and encouragement to my brothers and sisters in Christ. Forgive me for my negative and complaining spirit. Thank You for giving me the strength by Your spirit to speak life giving words to my church family. Lord, give me grace and insight to pour life giving encouragement to all those around me. In Your name I pray, Amen.

Day 12 (Engage the World) - [Colossians 4:3](#)

Reflection: God has given us gospel responsibilities to share the gospel with those around us. One way to approach this responsibility is to ask God to give us opportunities to share Christ and His gospel.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, I admit that my actions and words are part of the way that You bring salvation to the world. Thank You that You are working to bring people to Yourself. Forgive me for not asking to orchestrate opportunities to share. May You give me an opportunity to share Your love with others today. Amen.

Day 13 (Know God) - [Psalm 100:3](#)

Reflection: God is not just our Creator, He is our Shepherd who has made us His people. What is the difference between knowing that God is the Creator as opposed to our Creator who made us as “his people, and the sheep of his pasture”? Do you have people in your life that have a general, vague, or impersonal understanding of God? Spend time praying for them to know their Creator in a personal way through Jesus. Is there a point in the day you would most need to be reminded that you are part of God’s people (e.g., when you first wake up, during work, or interacting with others)? Write down how you would act differently in that time of day if you remembered this truth.

Prayer: Good Shepherd, You know everything about me in a loving manner and want me to know you better. Thank You that when we know You more we know better how to live. I confess that too often I prefer not to be known by You because of my sinfulness or believe that You don’t lead me on good paths. Please forgive me when I put myself or other things above You. Give me grace today to believe that You always lead me on the best path, even if it can be difficult and confusing at times. Through Jesus Christ I pray, Amen.

Day 14 (Love Others) - [Ephesians 5:21](#)

Reflection: The beauty of following Christ is that we have a Savior who submitted Himself to the cross to rescue us from our sin. With His example, we have a guide to our personal interactions with others in Christ's family. We must learn to look to the needs of others and be willing to submit our desires for the sake of others in our community.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, You submitted Yourself to the cross to bring me back to Yourself. You give me a mandate to submit myself to my brothers and sisters in Christ in order to maintain the unity of Your church. I confess that I sometimes want my own way. Forgive me for my lack of selflessness. Lord, by your Spirit, give me an attitude that puts others ahead of myself so the world can see the beauty of Jesus Christ. In Your name, Amen.

Day 15 (Engage the World) - [Colossians 4:5-6](#)

Reflection: We need God's help in speaking to different kinds of people who are spiritually diverse. God wants to empower us to respond to each individual with exactly what they might need in every situation.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, I believe that Your Holy Spirit can empower me to be Your witness to the world. Thank You that You give me the words to speak the truth of the gospel in love. Forgive me for not asking You to help me in this task ordained by You. Lord, give me the ability to speak words of comfort, encouragement, and love with all the different kinds of people with whom you put me in contact. Amen.

Day 16 (Know God) - [John 4:10](#)

Reflection: Jesus challenges the Samaritan woman to consider that if she really knew who Jesus was, she would have asked Him for living water. If we knew Jesus' presence with us, we would ask him for what we most need. He is the source of every good thing we need. Take a moment and consider what you most need from the Lord today (e.g., patience, gratitude, love for others, forgiveness of sin, etc.). Ask Him for it, believing He is sufficient to provide it.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ is Your perfect gift for the world. Thank You that, in knowing Him, I have the Source of living water and every good thing. I acknowledge that I underestimate what Jesus can do in me, for me, and for the world. I rely on other sources that too often disappoint and do not satisfy. Please forgive me. Help me to cherish the gift of God more so today than yesterday. Amen.

Day 17 (Love Others) - [Colossians 3:12-13](#)

Reflection: The body of Christ is full of believers who are not like Christ in all of their actions. Therefore, we must learn to forgive one another. We will hurt one another in various ways. The community of faith is designed to be a place where we can demonstrate God's grace by forgiving others in the same way that we have been forgiven by Christ.

Prayer: Dear Father, I believe that You call me to forgive others because I have already received full forgiveness for all of my sins. Thank You, Jesus, for canceling the debt that my sins deserve. I confess that I hold onto hurt and bitterness rather than forgiving those who hurt me. Lord Jesus, help me to learn to forgive others because You have forgiven me. In Your name, Amen.

Day 18 (Engage the World) - [Ephesians 6:19-20](#)

Reflection: The apostle Paul asked the Ephesians to pray for him, that he might have boldness as he shares the gospel. If Paul needed boldness, what does that say about us?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You have given me the responsibility to take the gospel to the world. I thank You that you can give me boldness to share the gospel in any context. Forgive me for shrinking back from telling Your story to those around me. Lord Jesus, give me boldness to share the gospel when You give me an opportunity to speak on Your behalf. In Your name, Amen.

Day 19 (Know God) - [1 John 2:17](#)

Reflection: What sinful practices and thought patterns do you see in yourself that are not from God? Acknowledge and bring to the Lord these practices in various areas of your life (family, work, school relationship, finances, recreation, etc.). In which of these areas do you want God's grace to help you do His will today? How would you know that you acted according to God's will?

Prayer: Father, You have showed me Your good and perfect will. Thank You that I live all of life under Your guidance. I confess that I prefer to live for my desires and passions rather than Your will. Would You give me your grace to love what You love, do the things of which You approve, and abstain from the things that displease You and do not benefit my neighbor? Amen.

Day 20 (Love Others) - [Galatians 6:1](#)

Reflection: When we live in an authentic community, we must be prepared to restore one another in the middle of our struggles with sin. None of us are perfect. We all face temptation and we all fail to completely live out the gospel. We are called to humbly restore one another. We cannot sit on the sidelines when our brothers and sisters are hurting. We also must humbly be ready to receive the restoration work that we need from time to time.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, because I struggle with sin, I need others to be a part of Your restoration in my life. Thank You for Your gentle grace that restores me when I wander away from You. I confess that I do not always attempt to restore my struggling brothers and sisters, and I do not always welcome the restoration efforts made to me. Lord, help me to be part of a gracious community where I provide and receive the restoration efforts when I need to make corrections in my life. Amen.

Day 21 (Engage the World) - [Colossians 4:4](#)

Reflection: Paul asks the readers to pray for clarity as he shares the gospel. If Paul needs this clarity, we need that as well.

Prayer: Dear God, I know that You have clearly given me the gospel so I can understand it by Your Spirit. Thank You for helping me make Your gospel clear to the world. Forgive me for not asking You to help me share Your message with clarity and precision. Lord Jesus, help me share the gospel with accuracy and use my feeble words to bring people to You. In Your name, amen.

Day 22 (Know God) - [1 Thessalonians 4:3](#)

Reflection: Why is it important as single or married people to order our sexual lives under God's will? What would it look like to pursue God's will in this area (in your thoughts, words, and deeds)? Pray for God's grace to order your life under His gracious will.

Prayer: Father, You are the Lord of all life, including my sexual life. Thank You that both singleness and marriage reflect Your will that I would be pure, faithful to my commitment to You, and truly honoring to others with my body. Forgive me when I fail to honor You with my sexual life. Give me grace to restrain those thoughts, words, and deeds that displease You and give me the desire and will to fulfill Your plan for my sexual life. Amen.

Day 23 (Love Others) - [James 5:16-18](#)

Reflection: This passage outlines one of the great resources we have in the body of Christ and shows the supernatural power of asking God to intervene. We are called to confess our sins to one another, and challenged to pray for one another. Since every believer has access to God the Father through Jesus Christ, we can all go into the presence of God and make our requests known to Him, and encouraged to do that for one another. How can we do this more consistently? How can we tangibly serve one another in prayer?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me to use the resource of prayer to encourage my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank You, Lord, that I have the privilege to pray for other. Forgive me for not praying for others and for not letting my church family know that I am praying for them. By Your Spirit, may You help us to be a church that provides strong prayer support to each one in our fellowship. In Your name, Amen.

Day 24 (Engage the World) - [1 Thessalonians 2:8](#)

Reflection: Paul recounts how he shared not only the gospel, but also his life with others. Part of what it means to engage the world with the gospel is that we share our lives with others. This indicates that building relationship with others is part of our calling as believers. Are You showing hospitality with your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates? Are you loving those around us by sharing your life with them?

Prayer: Father God, I acknowledge that You sent Your Son to dwell with the world. Thank You for becoming fully man to redeem me from my sin. Forgive me for not sharing my life with those around me. Lord Jesus, help me to be a person who is generous with my time and other resources as I seek to engage the world with actions and words. In Your great name, Amen.

Day 25 (Know God) - [Psalm 51:3](#)

Reflection: The Bible teaches us that we are sinners by nature, but in Jesus we are justified. Reflect on a time that it would have strengthened your discipleship to be reminded that you are a sinner in need of God's grace (maybe in an interaction with a family member, coworker, church member, or stranger). Reflect on a time you needed to remember that it is God's grace in Jesus and not your obedience that keeps you justified before God. Thank God for this news.

Prayer: Father, it is Your mercy that shows me my sin. Thank You that my sins and failures cannot rival Your covenant love to me as Your child. Forgive me for when I fail to remember that I am both a sinner and completely justified before You. Give me the grace to be humble about myself and at the same time unshakably confident that my sins are removed from me forever. Amen.

Day 26 (Love Others) - [Colossians 3:16](#)

Reflection: The body of Christ is called to teach one another. This means that all of us have a responsibility to discuss the Word of God with one another consistently. Part of the reason that we provide questions for each sermon is for Stone Hill Church to be dialoguing about Scripture every week.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, Your Word gives me wisdom for this life and the next. Thank You for the community of faith where Your Word can be discussed and applied. Forgive me for not allowing Your Word to be discussed openly and regularly. Lord Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, please take Your Word and use it in my life. Amen.

Day 27 (Engage the World) - [Titus 3:1-8](#)

Reflection: God commands believers to do good works. These good works are not only for those in the body of Christ, but for all people. As God's people, we ought to be helping people in our community and in our city for the glory of God.

Prayer: Dear God, You have asked me to do good for my community. Thank You for the privilege of serving You by meeting the tangible needs of those around me. Forgive me for not investing more of my time and energy in helping those around me in need. Lord Jesus, help me to find needs to meet in my neighborhood and community. In Your name, Amen.

Day 28 (Know God) - [Isaiah 40:22, 28](#)

Reflection: God is both Creator and Sustainer of all that exists. Nothing exists or perishes without His will. If you go outside today, take a moment and observe as many things going on around you as possible (e.g., a park where people are walking, wind is blowing, children are playing, etc.). Consider that it is God who upholds all the things your eyes can see. Take a few moments to thank God for His hand at work in creation.

Prayer: Father, I can't possibly name all that You are doing at this moment to uphold my life and this world in Your care. Thank You that Your sustaining work in my life is not contingent on my degree of gratitude or awareness. Forgive me for taking Your presence and power for granted. Help me to see new ways Your power is at work today. Amen.

Day 29 (Love others) - [Hebrews 3:12-13](#)

Reflection: Sin has a way of hardening our hearts, causing our faith to waver and us to wander from God. The body of Christ is tasked with exhorting one another so these spiritual dangers can be addressed. We are to watch out for our brothers and sisters in Christ and be ready to provide a word of encouragement and challenge one another as struggles increase.

Prayer: God Almighty, I admit that I have an obligation to exhort my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank You for putting me into a community where I can be challenged and encouraged in my faith. Lord, I confess that I fail to speak words of exhortation. Forgive me, Lord. In Your name, Amen.

Day 30 (Engage the World) - [Matthew 28:16-20](#)

Reflection: God's purpose is to see more followers of Jesus Christ serve Him. We are tasked with making disciples of all nations for the glory of Christ. As we attempt to obey this command, it can feel overwhelming, yet Jesus has promised to be with us as we serve Him in this great commission.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, I recognize Your great commission to make disciples of all nations. Thank You for employing me with your power and grace in this great mission. Forgive me for not investing my time and energy in seeing Your mission accomplished. Lord Jesus, be with me and empower me as I serve You in taking the gospel to the world. In Your name, Amen.

Day 31 (Know God) - [Romans 13:11-12](#)

Reflection: Are there choices in your life that indicate that your hope is not in living for the pleasures of the present moment, but in the final salvation Jesus will bring? What are they? Thank God for these choices and decisions. What makes it difficult to be spiritually awake to God in your life? Reflect on a Bible promise throughout the day and ask God to give you eyes to His work in your life today. What do you most desire as you think about Christ's return? Bring it to God in prayer throughout the day and look for ways God is already doing this in the world.

Prayer: Father, You have made me spiritually alive in Christ. Through Jesus, You have awakened me to the knowledge of Who You are and what You are up to in the world. Thank You for including me in Your family and in Your kingdom. I confess that like Your disciples, I fall asleep when You call me to be watchful. I give in to my sinful desires to live for myself. Help me to live as a person of light in a dark world, where my primary aim is to live with Christ in obedience to all Your command. Amen.

Day 32 (Love Others) - [James 5:16](#)

Reflection: This is an interesting command where we are instructed to confess our sins to one another. This doesn't mean that you must detail all of your failings and sins with the entire church all the time. This verse is specifically calling us to share our struggles with sin to other believers as appropriate. This is part of the humility that should characterize all believers.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You have called me to humility and to admit my struggles and sins with other believers. Thank You that through You I can do this with humility and transparency. Lord, I admit that, due to pride and my self-righteousness, sometimes I fail to share my struggles. Lord, deliver me from my self-righteousness and allow me, as part of the body of Christ, to share my struggles with authenticity even as I robustly rest in Your great grace and forgiveness. Amen.

Day 33 (Engage the World) - [Matthew 9:35-38](#)

Reflection: The task of taking the gospel to the world is massive. Jesus said that the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. He then challenges His followers to pray for more laborers to take the gospel message to the entire world.

Prayer: Lord of the harvest, I see that the harvest is plentiful and that there is a need for more workers. Thank You for being able to raise up workers to accomplish Your mission. Forgive me for not praying for more workers. Lord Jesus, raise up more workers at Stone Hill Church to take the gospel to all parts of the world. Amen.

Day 34 (Know God) - [Ephesians 1:18](#)

Reflection: Christian hope is more than the expression of a wish or desire with an uncertain outcome. It is the confident expression that God will keep every promise. On what grounds does Paul base our hope? How does the fact that our hope is based on what God has done in Jesus speak to you when you lack a sense of hope?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, on the basis of Your resurrection for me, I have eternal and assured hope. Thank You that despite the ups and downs of my feelings, the source of my hope is a secure anchor. Please forgive me for the times I allow discouragement to override the joy found in You alone. Help me today to have resurrection hope, especially during times I experience frustration, sadness, and critical spirit, or anger. Amen.

Day 35 (Love Others) - [Ephesians 4:15-16](#)

Reflection: Jesus Christ was said to be full of grace and truth. Jesus spoke the truth in love to us. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we are called to speak words of truth in gracious ways to one another. Some of us err on the side of truth and leave an absence of love and grace. Others are gracious but hesitate to speak the truth.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, since Your Son was full of grace and truth, help me to display the beauty of grace and truth with others. Thank You for showing me how to balance truth and grace as You are fully God and fully man. Forgive me for my lack of love and grace. Forgive me for not speaking the truth. Lord Jesus, help me to speak words of truth in an atmosphere of grace to the glory of God and the good of Your church. Amen.

Day 36 (Engage the World) - [Philippians 1:3-4](#)

Reflection: The believers in Philippi partnered with Paul to take the gospel beyond the walls of their church and city. God has called us to take the gospel to the world. All of us should partner with others to see the gospel extend beyond our church, into our community and to the whole world. One way to see this passage impact the world is to connect with and partner in prayer with one of Stone Hill's Global Partners.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that Your mission is to see the gospel go to the entire world. Thank You for using me to see Your mission accomplished. Forgive me for not fully engaging with Your mission to the world. Lord Jesus, use me to partner with others to see the gospel make a world-wide impact. Amen.

Day 37 (Know God) - [1 Thessalonians 4:13-14](#)

Reflection: In Paul's day, most people had a grim view of death without assurance of eternal life. How is this a contrast to what Paul teaches here? Why might it be important to know that when believers die they are asleep in the Lord? If Jesus is Lord of life and death, how does that shape your view of suffering and trials in your life and in the lives of your loved ones? Spend time thanking the Lord that your life and even your death is completely in His hands. Who in your life today needs the comfort of these truths? Pray for them and ask for an opportunity to comfort others with this promise.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, because of You, death is not the final event of our lives. Thank You for sharing Your eternal life with me and for the great promise that I will be raised on the last day with You. I think of those who have passed away as a reminder that I too will not live forever on this earth. Help me to live today in light of eternity and commit myself to those things You taught me to live for, that my life now will reflect Your eternal kingdom which will never perish. Amen.

Day 38 (Love Others) - [Philippians 2:1-5](#)

Reflection: We are commanded to look not just to our interests but also to the interests of others. We are to consider others more significant than ourselves. We are not wired or trained in this world to do that. Yet we are to follow Christ, Who laid down His entire life for us at the cross.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You laid down Your life for the church of Jesus Christ. I thank You for Your selfless sacrifice that saved me. I confess that I often put my wants and needs as most important. By Your Holy Spirit, help me to consider others as more important than myself and live out the gospel in my community. In Your name, Amen.

Day 39 (Know God) - [1 Corinthians 2:11-13](#)

Reflection: That Jesus died on the cross is a historical fact, that Jesus died on the cross for me is the Holy Spirit showing us the significance and beauty of that fact for believers. Many people know things about Jesus, but do not know Him as the Lord. Thank God that he sent His Spirit to bring you to saving knowledge of Jesus. What truths about Jesus need to be front and center in your life today? How would your thoughts, words, and deeds be different? Pick one area to reflect on.

Prayer: Without Your Holy Spirit working in my heart, the person of Jesus would remain a mystery to me today, Lord. Thank You that Your Spirit brings the power of Jesus Christ into my life and my church community. Forgive me for when I grieve Your Holy Spirit or ignore the Spirit's influence in my life. Would You help me to be obedient to Your Spirit's promptings today as He instructs me to live out the truth of Your Word? Amen.

Day 40 (Engage the World) - [Revelation 5:9-10](#)

Reflection: We see in this passage that God is bringing together a diverse group of people to worship Him in heaven. His plan and mission will be accomplished through His strength.

Prayer: Dear Father in heaven, thank You that the redemption of the universe is certain. Thank You that Your plans will come to fruition. Forgive me for not being confident in Your ultimate victory. Lord Jesus, help me to live in light of Your future victory. In Your great name, we pray, Amen.